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Upon reviewing the proposed Microsoft Settlement, I find it to be overly optimistic and highly inadequate.

It is based entirely on Microsoft willingly complying not only with the letter of the settlement, but the spirit of resolution. In the past this company has ignored attempts by the government to curtail its monopolistic abuses and will in all likelihood continue to do so. Even if Microsoft did comply with the letter of the settlement, such compliance would only be a smoke screen for devising ways to manipulate the technology to leverage their monopoly power in ways not specifically covered in the agreement, if not altering the technology in ways to render the settlement unenforceable or irrelevant.

This settlement does nothing to discourage Microsoft from further anticompetitive and monopolistic practices, but merely states that the current abuses of monopoly power be discontinued or at least altered. It does not weaken Microsoft's operating system monopoly, nor does it provide any true barrier to future abuses of that monopoly.

Sincerely,

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